

West German Citizenship  
Allegedly Being Offered to  
Austrian Citizens

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On 26 November 1953, the following information was obtained from Informant #030, who in turn received it from a sub-source of unknown reliability:

Source contends that the West German government has adopted the un-official policy of extending West German citizenship to Austrian citizens who have gone to Western Germany and apply for West German citizenship. This policy was initiated as a means of tapping the Austrian male population eligible for service in the future West German Army. All male applicants must declare their willingness to serve with the future West German Army, when the commandments of that Army are called up. Lothar Greil, formerly of Gmunden, Upper Austria, is allegedly already received German citizenship and is permanently residing with his family in Munich, Germany. Greil has also allegedly been re-entered to (LIAAD) at former rank of Lieutenant, and has been informed that at the appropriate time, he will be recalled to active duty via postal channels. Erich Fernmayr, (LIAAD) who is now employed in Munich, Germany, as an Executive Editor with the DKE (Deutsche Soldatenzeitung - German Soldiers' newspaper), reportedly received a long term contract. Fernmayr and his wife also expect to become German citizens in the near future. Source avers that Fernmayr is anxious to arrange for the simultaneous continuation of his Austrian citizenship, and is allegedly being supported by the West German Government Press Department in his endeavors for dual citizenship.

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